

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1791

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, March 23, 2007

Title: An act relating to the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Brief Description: Concerning members of the Washington council for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Sponsors: Representatives Schual-Berke, Walsh, Kagi, Haler, Roberts, Hunter, Appleton, Pettigrew, Kenney, Santos, Ericks, Dickerson and Moeller.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/28/07, 97-0.

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 3/16/07, 3/23/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member and McAuliffe.

Staff: Kiki Keizer (786-7430)

Background: The Legislature established the Washington Council on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (Council) in 1982. The Council comprises 14 members who are charged with contracting with organizations or individuals for the establishment of programs designed to reduce the occurrence of child abuse and neglect and promote good parenting skills. Members include designees of the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Secretary of the Department of Health, as well as other persons selected for their interest and expertise in the prevention of child abuse. Four legislative members serve as ex officio members of the Council.

Summary of Bill: The Director of the Department of Early Learning, or the Director's designee, is added to the Washington Council on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect supports the bill and the collaboration of the existing Council members with the Department of Early Learning.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Kristen Rogers, Washington Council for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.